



MARION

Plymouth County



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NARRATIVE

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Marion is a delightful residential town, felt by its residents to have rare natural beauty and charm. The small town character, blended with the flavor and benefits of a seacoast community with lovely residential neighborhoods and modern conveniences, makes Marion an ideal town for year round living. Recreation opportunities are plentiful and Sippican Harbor hosts a variety of waterfront programs, including swimming at the town beaches, pleasure boating and fishing. There are golf courses and indoor and outdoor tennis courts, while Tabor Academy periodically opens up its hockey rink to the public.

Marion's roots go back to 1679, when the town was first settled as a village known as Sippican, a part of Rochester. Rochester, Mattapoisett and Sippican, widely separate villages under the domain of Rochester, gradually developed different interests and economies. These factors led to independence for Sippican, which was renamed Marion in honor of the Revolutionary War hero, Francis Marion, in 1852. Today it has a stable year round population with a moderate summertime increase. Over the years, the heterogeneous population has worked hard to preserve Marion's rich historic traditions.

(Narrative supplied by community)



GEOGRAPHY

Location

Southeastern Massachusetts, bordered by Wareham on the northeast, Buzzards Bay on the east and south, and Mattapoisett and Rochester on the southwest and northwest. Marion is 26 miles southwest of Plymouth and 55 miles south of Boston.

Total Area: 26.69 sq. miles

Land Area: 14.63 sq. miles

Population: 4,496

Density: 307 per sq. mile

Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Rochester Station)

Normal temperature in January.....26.3°F

Normal temperature in July.....71.2°F

Normal annual precipitation.....48.2"

U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Marion, Onset, Snipatuit Pond

Regional Planning Agency

Southeastern Regional Planning and
Economic Development District

Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

New Bedford



GOVERNMENT

Municipal Offices

Main Number: (508) 748-3500

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Form of Government

Board of Selectmen
Executive Secretary
Open Town Meeting

Year Incorporated

As a town: 1852

Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

	Number	%	
Total Registered	2,832		
Democrats	555	19.6	%
Republicans	745	26.3	%
Other parties	0	0.0	%
Unenrolled Voters	1,532	54.1	%

Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



DEMOGRAPHICS

Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000

Geographic Area: Marion town, Plymouth County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	5,123	100.0	HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
SEX AND AGE			Total population.....	5,123	100.0
Male.....	2,461	48.0	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	28	0.5
Female.....	2,662	52.0	Mexican.....	2	-
Under 5 years.....	297	5.8	Puerto Rican.....	16	0.3
5 to 9 years.....	391	7.6	Cuban.....	5	0.1
10 to 14 years.....	396	7.7	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	5	0.1
15 to 19 years.....	278	5.4	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	5,095	99.5
20 to 24 years.....	136	2.7	White alone.....	4,703	91.8
25 to 34 years.....	487	9.5	RELATIONSHIP		
35 to 44 years.....	780	15.2	Total population.....	5,123	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	871	17.0	In households.....	5,019	98.0
55 to 59 years.....	325	6.3	Householder.....	1,996	39.0
60 to 64 years.....	255	5.0	Spouse.....	1,225	23.9
65 to 74 years.....	442	8.6	Child.....	1,535	30.0
75 to 84 years.....	333	6.5	Own child under 18 years.....	1,219	23.8
85 years and over.....	132	2.6	Other relatives.....	124	2.4
Median age (years).....	42.5	(X)	Under 18 years.....	48	0.9
18 years and over.....	3,838	74.9	Nonrelatives.....	139	2.7
Male.....	1,794	35.0	Unmarried partner.....	79	1.5
Female.....	2,044	39.9	In group quarters.....	104	2.0
21 years and over.....	3,730	72.8	Institutionalized population.....	99	1.9
62 years and over.....	1,067	20.8	Noninstitutionalized population.....	5	0.1
65 years and over.....	907	17.7	HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE		
Male.....	392	7.7	Total households.....	1,996	100.0
Female.....	515	10.1	Family households (families).....	1,442	72.2
RACE			With own children under 18 years.....	632	31.7
One race.....	5,007	97.7	Married-couple family.....	1,225	61.4
White.....	4,722	92.2	With own children under 18 years.....	528	26.5
Black or African American.....	81	1.6	Female householder, no husband present.....	167	8.4
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	5	0.1	With own children under 18 years.....	83	4.2
Asian.....	18	0.4	Nonfamily households.....	554	27.8
Asian Indian.....	3	0.1	Householder living alone.....	482	24.1
Chinese.....	3	0.1	Householder 65 years and over.....	237	11.9
Filipino.....	2	0.1	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	666	33.4
Japanese.....	3	0.1	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	601	30.1
Korean.....	6	0.1	Average household size.....	2.51	(X)
Vietnamese.....	1	-	Average family size.....	3.00	(X)
Other Asian ¹	-	-	HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	4	0.1	Total housing units.....	2,439	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	-	-	Occupied housing units.....	1,996	81.8
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	-	-	Vacant housing units.....	443	18.2
Samoa.....	4	0.1	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander ²	-	-	occasional use.....	344	14.1
Some other race.....	177	3.5	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	1.1	(X)
Two or more races.....	116	2.3	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	2.7	(X)
Race alone or in combination with one			HOUSING TENURE		
or more other races: ³			Occupied housing units.....	1,996	100.0
White.....	4,799	93.7	Owner-occupied housing units.....	1,570	78.7
Black or African American.....	137	2.7	Renter-occupied housing units.....	426	21.3
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	17	0.3	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	2.58	(X)
Asian.....	32	0.6	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	2.26	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	5	0.1			
Some other race.....	260	5.1			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

¹ Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

² Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

³ In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

Home Sales (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

Subsidized Housing Units (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

Public Housing Units (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State:	0
Conventional Federal:	0

Rental Assistance(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP:	0
Federal (Section 8):	0



TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

Marion, which is situated in the New Bedford-Fall River Area, is served by the airport and port facilities of New Bedford. In addition, Interstate 195 and State Routes 24 and 140 provide access to the airports, ports, and intermodal facilities of Providence and Boston.

Major Highways

The principal highways are U.S. Route 6, Interstate Route 195, and State Route 105.

Rail

There is no freight or passenger rail service in Marion, but the network of intermodal facilities serving eastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island is easily accessible.

Bus

Marion is not affiliated with a regional transit authority.

Other

The New Bedford Municipal Airport, a Primary Commercial Service (PR) facility with scheduled passenger service, is easily accessible. The airport has 2 asphalt runways 4,997' and 5,000' long. Instrument approaches available: Precision and non-precision.



CULTURE AND RECREATION

LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

MUSEUMS

(American Association of Museums)

None

RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Recreational Facilities (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



MISCELLANEOUS

HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

Hospitals

None

Long Term Care

Sippican L. T. Healthcare Center

Hospices

None

Rest Homes

None

UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)

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